## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 3, and cancel claims 4-18 without prejudice.

(Currently Amended) A semiconductor integrated circuit device comprising:
a semiconductor substrate defining a plurality of rows, each row including areas for a sequence of cells;

a plurality of active regions disposed in each of said rows constituting semiconductor elements of associated cells:

at least one [[a]] wiring region of  $\underline{a}$  stripe shape elongated along a direction of  $\underline{a}$  row, defined on said semiconductor substrate outside of said active regions in each row, and including wirings belonging to the associated cells, each wiring region having height in a direction crossing the row direction, the  $\underline{at}$  least one wiring region having  $\underline{a}$  locally different  $\underline{varving}$  height.

- (Currently Amended) The semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] wiring regions of opposing cells in opposing rows have mutually fitting shapes.
- (Currently Amended) The semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the wirings include a wiring made of a connection of different wiring layers.
- 4-18. (Cancelled)